

Growth rate of population in North Eastern States

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of population in the States of Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram;

(b) whether the above growth rate suggest that North Eastern States are hotbed for insurgency and infiltration;

(c) what steps Government proposes to identify and deport infiltrators;

(d) what role the respective States play to identify and deport Bangladeshis and Myanmaris; and

(e) whether it is a fact that illegal migrants are threatening cultural, linguistic and ethnic identity of local population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Total Population and percentage decadal growth (1991-2001) in North Eastern States are given below:

Sl. No	Name of State	Population		Percentage decadal growt 1991-2001
		1991	2001*	
1	2	3	4	5
1	Assam	22,414,322	26,638,407	18.85
2	Tripura	2,757,205	3,191,168	15.74
3	Manipur	1,837,149	2,388,634	30.02
4	Meghalaya	1,774,778	2,306,069	29.94
5	Nagaland	1,209,546	1,988,636	64.41
6	Arunachal Pradesh	864,558	1,091,117	26.21
7	Mizoram	689,756	891,058	29.18

*Population figures for 2001 Census are provisional.

(b) Population Growth Rate is not the only factor for militancy in the North-Eastern States.

(c) to (e) A number of illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries enter surreptitiously into the country and are able to mingle easily with the local population in the North East due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

The powers under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in the case of Assam and the Foreigners Act, 1946 to identify, detect and deport illegal migrants/foreigners residing in various parts of the Country have been delegated to the State Governments/Union Territories Administration. There are standing instructions to the State Governments and the UTs administrations to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally in the Country.

Recommendations of Justice Iyer Committee on Women Prisoners

1117. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Iyer Committee on Women Prisoners has recommended to make it mandatory for each police station in the country to have separate lock up and every prison to have separate cells for women prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The National Expert Committee on Women Prisoners headed by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer had recommended that separate lock ups may be established in each police station for female arrestees.